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## Agent Checklist with Landowner

the 14	day letter was sent  To To. Dan WALKER	سليما					
2.	Initial appointment set for						
3.	Activity Note entered regarding Initial Meeting, including specifics regarding landowner concerns, if any, and details of meeting						
4.	Prepare and review Acquisition documents and maps						
5.	Provide landowner with business card and show Ameren ID badge						
6.	Ask the landowner they received the 14 day letter:  a. Ask if the landowner read 14 days letter  b. Does landowner have any questions regarding letter:						
7.	Provide/explain the purpose of the project						
8.	Discuss routing and how it affects landowner:  a. Provide Fact Sheet about the project  b. Provide landowner copies of:  i. Small scale map of the project  ii. Sketch and description of type of facilities/structures  iii. Approximate location of facilities  iv. Option for Easement including exhibit showing length and width of the easement area  v. Memorandum of Option Exhibit B						
9.	Make compensation offer, provide calculation sheet and explain basis of offer						
10.	Discuss subordination of mortgage, if applicable						
11.	Complete Construction Questionnaire, including name of tenant, if applicable						
12.	Provide EMF brochure, if requested						
13. appro	propriate; complete tenant consent form if applicable						
14.	Agent Name (Print and Sign) Kerry CArlson						

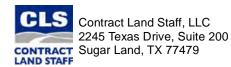
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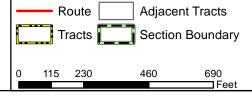
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# Ameren - Illinois Rivers



For discussion purposes only. All measurements and distances are approximations and pend final survey and engineering.



**Judith Smart** 

Tract No.:A\_ILRP\_MI\_SC\_119

Date: 5/8/2014

AMEREN TRANSMISSION ILLINOIS RIVERS PROJECT MEREDOSIA TO IPAVA 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE ATXI Exhibit 2.3
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#### EXHIBIT 1

A 5.136 ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE 4TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SCHUYLER COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND BEING PART OF A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED TO WILLIAM H. SMART AND JUDITH ANN SMART, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HUSBAND AND WIFE, RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NO. 233495 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF SCHUYLER COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

**BEGINNING** AT A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4, FROM WHICH THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 BEARS NORTH 81 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 648.96 FEET;

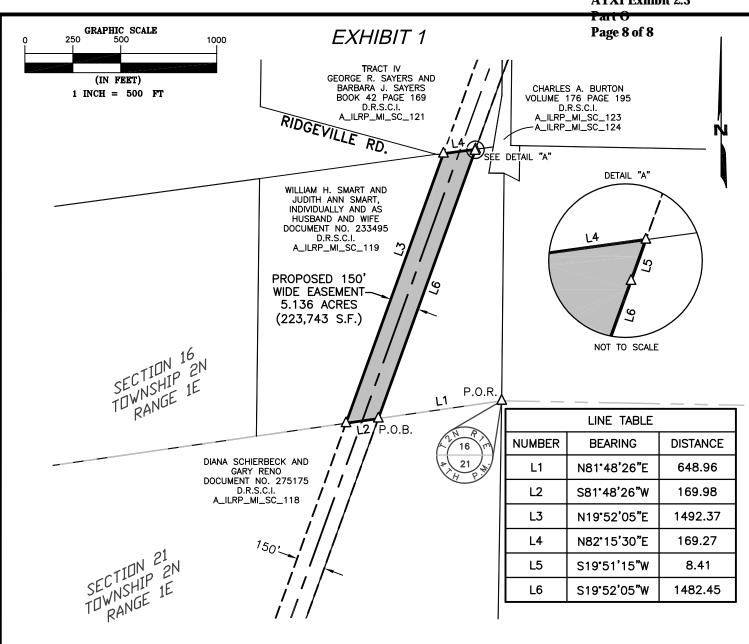
**THENCE** SOUTH 81 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 169.98 FEET TO A POINT FOR CORNER:

**THENCE** NORTH 19 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST, LEAVING SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1,492.37 FEET TO A POINT FOR CORNER IN THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4;

**THENCE** NORTH 82 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 169.27 FEET TO A POINT FOR CORNER;

**THENCE** SOUTH 19 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST, LEAVING SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 8.41 FEET TO A POINT FOR CORNER:

**THENCE** SOUTH 19 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1,482.45 FEET TO THE **POINT OF BEGINNING** AND CONTAINING 223,743 SQUARE FEET OR 5.136 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.



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D.R.S.C.I. DEED RECORDS

SCHUYLER COUNTY, ILLINOIS

P.O.B. POINT OF BEGINNING
P.O.R. POINT OF REFERENCE

△ CALCULATED POINT

SECTION LINE (APPROXIMATE)

PROPERTY LINE (APPROXIMATE)
PROPOSED EASEMENT CENTERLINE

PROPOSED EASEMENT

#### NOTES:

- 1. ALL INFORMATION SHOWN HEREON IS FOR PRELIMINARY PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT TO BE RECORDED FOR ANY REASON.
- 2. BOUNDARY LINES SHOWN HEREON ARE CALCULATED FROM BOTH RECORD INFORMATION AND PRELIMINARY ON THE GROUND SURVEY INFORMATION. FINAL EASEMENT DOCUMENTATION WILL BE PROVIDED UPON COMPLETION OF THE FINAL SURVEY.
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PROJECT: ILLINOIS RIVERS

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DATE: 09/30/2013

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PURCHASE OPTION EXHIBIT
150' TRANSMISSION LINE EASEMENT
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